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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF INSTRUCTOR,
INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES TRAINING SECTION

SUBJECT: Directive for Investigative Techniques Training
Section

1. In forwarding the attached directive for implementation, I would like to underline a few points.

a. We have to get away from your usual police approach. TRD training is not intended to duplicate courses as conducted by the FBI or other police institutions. Your instruction should be conducted in terms of clandestine operations abroad.

b. A more positive approach is required in the instruction. Presentation of techniques and gadgets in a take it or leave it attitude or "for what it is worth" risks failure in our training. We should be able to tell what it is worth. We can do that only if we refer to operational conditions about which we have to inform ourselves continuously.

c. If we want this organization to go beyond the strictly defensive attitude and to employ investigative techniques in an aggressive operational way, we have, first of all, to make training more realistic in terms of actual field conditions. It is, for example, useless to talk about surreptitious entry operations if your instructors are not sufficiently aware of the operational objectives, targets, and activities of OSO and OPC. This is one of the reasons why I postponed the implementation of our four weeks' course project last year although that project had been approved by all OSO divisions.

2. I am convinced that unless your staff makes a considerable effort to reorganize and to improve technical training in line with suggestions as spelled out in the directive, it will not be able to sufficiently justify the existence of the section as a separate unit.

3. Please let me have your recommendations as to how you propose to implement the directive. [REDACTED] decided that for the time being we should not run an Investigative Techniques Course of more than two weeks' duration. I would like you, therefore, to

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prepare a tentative schedule for a two weeks' course which should attempt to reach the objectives as spelled out in the directive. With respect to the requirements listed in paragraph 4, a through c, of the directive I will ask [REDACTED] to be available to you for consultation. 25X1A9A

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Chief, Staff Training Branch

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